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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Even though our company is in the IT industry, as an Internet service provider, we would not have been directly affected by this lawsuit against Microsoft. That is not to say, however, that had Microsoft been broken up, as anticipated by the court, consumer demand for computers, software and, ultimately, for our services, would not have been adversely affected.

This settlement has the distinct advantage of preserving the Integrity of the IT community and will forestall any serious residual damage. For this reason, it is better to have it sustained, rather than tossing this whole mess back into court. The settlement is also very well drafted, providing for every circumstance Microsoft could get into, and a Technical Committee to oversee the enforcement of the settlement.

I am therefore writing to convey my support of the settlement. I am further suggesting that any such public display of government animosity against any sector of American business always has an unfortunate effect of stifling economic growth. We have seen this here. I am hoping that all the hostilities have been resolved by this settlement. Thank you.

Yours truly

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